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State	No. of implements distributed
1. Gujarat	71672
2. Haryana	162
3. Himachal Pradesh	162
4. Rajasthan	1602

Discontinuation of T.V. serial 'Safarnama' on Doordarshan

1060. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the 14th July, 1985 the Delhi Doordarshan authorities decided to discontinue a T.V. serial "Safarnama" presented at the initiative of the Ministry of Railways;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor, when were the earlier 3 episodes of the serial had been telecast;

(c) whether such serials are not previewed by the Doordarshan authorities before telecast; and

(d) if so, what is the procedure followed in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The programmes are previewed by Doordarshan before their telecast, and because of the unsatisfactory quality of this programme, the serial has been discontinued. Three episodes of the serial were telecast on 23rd June, 30th June and 7th July, 1985.

(d) The proposal submitted to Doordarshan is first considered for approval of the theme and the treatment of the programme. Once this is approved, the producer is required to submit a pilot of the proposed programme which is previewed by a Committee consisting of Director General, Doordarshan, Deputy Director General, Doordarshan and the concerned Controller of Programmes in the Directorate General, Doordarshan. If the pilot is approved by the Committee, the producer is given clearance for production of the series. He is also expected to keep up the standard of the series.

Drinking water supply in Rajasthan

1061. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of assistance received so far from the International Agencies like the World Bank and the International Development Association in executing drinking water schemes in Rajasthan; and

(b) the progress made in providing drinking water facilities in the State so far and the number of large villages and towns covered and those expected to be covered during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) The Rajasthan Water Supply & Sewerage Project costing Rs. 136 crores is being assisted by World Bank (IDA). Out of 80 million U.S. dollars credit agreed to for this project, the credit utilised upto end of December 84 is 33.19 million U.S. dollars.

(b) Water Supply is a State subject and schemes for providing drinking water facilities in urban and rural areas are formulated and executed by the State Governments. Precise information regarding the number of large villages and towns in Rajasthan covered and expected to be covered during the current year will be available only with the State Government. So far as Rural Water Supply Programme is concerned, out of 19803 problem villages identified in Rajasthan as on 1-4-80, 16043 villages have been provided with at least one source of safe drinking water by 1-4-85. Out of the remaining 3760 problem villages from the 1980 list spilling over to the Seventh Five Year Plan, according to the information presently available, 2287 villages are proposed to be covered during the current year.

Comprehensive media policy

1062. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to formulate a comprehensive and coordinated policy for the entire media; and

(b) if so, its broad outlines and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The Media Policy is still under formulation. It will be finalised after consultation with all concerned.

Increase in procurement prices for 1985-86 kharif season

1063. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the renamed Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices has recommended an increase in the procurement prices of paddy, pulses, groundnut and cotton for the 1985-86 Kharif season;

(b) if so what is the price differential recommended by the Commission as compared to the present procurement prices of each of these commodities;

(c) whether the Commission has also suggested the setting up of an expert Committee for an indepth study into the question of accuracy of agricultural production statistics and examining the desirability of introducing periodic surveys with a view to supplementing the existing estimates of agricultural output; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (d) The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices has submitted its report on Price Policy for Kharif Crops of 1985-86 Season. The recommendations made by the Commission are under active consideration of the Government.

Promotion to the Post of Assistant Engineers in C.P.W.D.

1064. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that limited departmental examination for promotion to the post of Assistant Engineers (Civil and Electrical) in CPWD was conducted by the UPSC in December, 1983 for the prescribed number of vacancies;

(b) what was the number of candidates successful in the written examination and what was the final number of candidates taken on the basis of the examination;

(c) whether it is a fact that the actual number of successful candidates